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The amendment filed on February 21, 2008 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the original claims were drawn to "use" type claims. As discussed in paragraph 5 of the previous Office action, it was unclear if "use" indicated a composition or a method. Since this was unclear the claims were examined as composition claims. The newly submitted method claims are considered to be directed to an invention that lacks unity with the composition claims because the composition can be used for a different purpose such as treating psoriasis as demonstrated by US Pat. No. 5,466,452. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03. Thus, to amend the claims to recite only method claims rather than composition claims is improper and non-responsive.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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